

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, November 18th, 2007

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson, Toni T., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ATTENDED: Don G., Martha G., Joan B., Neil S., Al L., Keith E., Gayle W., Joe L., Walter W., Sue C., Joann, Dave K., Sandy H., John S., Ed P., Paula D., Janet B., Jim K., Ron B., Dale N., Mel L., Michelle C., Beverly H., Rick T. and Toni T.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairperson Martha G. conducted roll call. There were 25 attendees. Sixteen groups were represented. Martha passed around a meeting list, asking for any changes or updates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary read the minutes for the meeting of October 28th, 2007. There was a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Sue C. gave the report of income and expenses. Sue C. answered some questions regarding Gratitude Dinner income and expenses. Since there were still further questions, Sue C. offered to provide an "Events" report next month to clarify this item. There was a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Rick T, Neil S. and Al L. were present. There was nothing to report.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Ron B. reminded that he needs to be kept informed of upcoming events. Ron stated he added the Dunnellon meetings onto the website, as well as a link to a map of the meetings. He also added a new Homosassa meeting called the "Four Absolutes", which has yet to join Intergroup. He stated that District asked him to add their information on the website and he has done so. During his report, an announcement was made to add to the website that the Crystal River group is having an Alkathon on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, so there will be two Alkathons (both in Holder and in Crystal River) on both of these nights.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Toni T. thanked all who participated in the Gratitude Dinner. She stated Melissa and Dave and all their volunteers did a wonderful job and that the food was delicious. Toni stressed that the speaker had a great message and, even though the room was a bit warm, this year's Gratitude Dinner was a big success. Toni T. also stated she was working on a new sign-up sheet for volunteers at the bookstore and also for the meeting lists.

JOURNAL REPORT: Ed P. stated that Paula D. would be the new editor of the newsletter, effective with the January 2008 issue.

HOTLINE REPORT: Rick T. gave his report. There were 75 total calls so far this month: 73 AA, 1 Alanon, and 1 NA. Rick further stated there is a binder available to anyone who needs to know about answering the Hotline phone. Rick suggested that, since there are a number of groups who have too few members to carry the phone, groups be allowed to "double up" and work as a team in order to have enough people to cover the phone.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ed P. stated pricing of items for sale at the bookstore has been updated. He said if refunds are necessary, the items being returned must be in good condition. He said the price list has been updated, with some prices going up and some down, but ultimately buyers will pay no more than what they would have to pay if they ordered from the catalog individually.

Ed also added that he will be obtaining laminated copies of "How It Works", "The 12 Traditions", and "The Promises", to be made available to all the meetings, hopefully by the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Alkathons

Martha G. and Don G. stated an inventory is being worked on for the Christmas Alkathon and will be ready with an inventory for the New Year's Alkathon. Flyers for the Alkathons were made available to be taken back to individual groups.

Article 7

Toni T. passed around a copy of Robert's Rules of Order to familiarize everyone with this concept. A motion was made to amend Article 7 of the Bylaws to include Robert's Rules of Order. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Gratitude Dinner

Gayle W. asked how the tickets were initially distributed this year, as she had heard from someone who was not able to find an available ticket. There was discussion on how to improve the distribution of tickets and general handling of the Gratitude Dinner for next year. The end result of the discussion was as follows: a. tickets will be printed in time for the September meeting of Intergroup and distributed at that meeting to all representatives from the individual groups; b. chairpersons for the Gratitude Dinner will be reminded to attend the September and October Intergroup meetings in order to improve flow of communication; c. tickets will be counted at the door in order to determine if all are being used; and, d. any extra tickets will be kept at the Intergroup office. There were recommendations from Beverly H. to oversell the tickets, since not all the seats were actually taken at this past dinner and from Gayle W. to use the book that past chairpersons put together and to get past chairpersons involved in the planning, thereby utilizing their experience.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter:

a. Ed P. suggested we print extra copies of the newsletter, since we now have four additional groups from Dunnellon in our District. Currently, we are printing 250 copies each month. There was a motion to print 300 copies for next month's issue. The motion was seconded and passed. Ed P. will check the pricing for 500 copies and will let Intergroup know the price next month.

b. Ed P. stated in order to train the new editor of the newsletter, Paula D., a purchase of approximately \$150-200 needs to be made to cover the cost of Microsoft Publishing 2000. There was discussion on various methods of obtaining the software. A motion was made to allocate \$150-200 for the purchase of this software. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm and closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B.